

**STUDENTS**  
**Series 5000**  
**Policy #5007.3.1**

**Psychotropic Drug Use**

EASTCONN prohibits all school personnel from recommending the use of psychotropic drugs for any student enrolled within the school system. For purposes of this policy, the term "recommend" shall mean to directly or indirectly suggest that a child use psychotropic drugs.

Psychotropic drugs are defined as prescription medications for behavioral or social-emotional concerns, such as attentional deficits, impulsivity, anxiety, and depression and thought disorders and includes, but is not limited to stimulant medications and anti-depressants.

However, school health or mental health personnel, including school nurses or nurse practitioners, EASTCONN's Medical Advisor, school psychologists, school social workers, and school counselors (*note: EASTCONN may also include other school personnel it has identified as the person responsible for communication with a parent or guardian about a child's need for medical evaluation, such as EASTCONN's director of special services/special education.*) may recommend that a student be evaluated by an appropriate medical practitioner.

EASTCONN shall follow procedures for identification, evaluation, placement and delivery of services to children with disabilities or suspected disabilities provided in state and federal statutes that govern special education.

The Executive Director of EASTCONN or his/her designee shall promulgate this policy to EASTCONN staff and parents/guardians of students annually and upon the registration of new students.

(cf. [5141.4](#) - Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

[10-212b](#) Policies prohibiting the recommendation of psychotropic drugs by school personnel. (as amended by PA 03-211)

[46b-120](#). Definitions

[10-76a](#) Definitions. (as amended by PA 00-48)

[10-76b](#) State supervision of special education programs and services.

[10-76d](#) Duties and powers of boards of education to provide special education programs and services. (as amended by PA 97-114 and PA 00-48)

[10-76h](#) Special education hearing and review procedure. Mediation of disputes.  
(as amended by PA 00-48)

State Board of Directors Regulations.

[34 C.F.R. 3000](#) Assistance to States for Education for Handicapped Children.

American with Disabilities Act, 42 U.S.C. §12101 et seq.

Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, 20 U.S.C.  
§1400 et seq.

Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Section 504, 29 U.S.C. § 794.

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